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All news matter sent us for publication must be written only on one side of the paper, and should be accompanied by the name of the contributor; not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

REACTIONARIES.

The statement made by President Merrill, of Fisk University, before the Nashville Board of Trade concerning some remarks that had been accredited to him in an address made at Colorado Springs, drew forth the views of the Hon. Leland Hume, first and last of the Cumberland Telephone Company, and at other times first president of the Nashville Board of Trade. This is not the first time Mr. Hume has discussed the Negro question. Following the Atlanta massacre he made such a radical address at the Gospel Tabernacle that even the daily papers which were driving the recalcitrant democrats into line with the scarecrow of Negro domination at that time refused to give a faithful account of what he said.

Mr. Hume, apparently, was provoked by the statement made by Dr. Merrill that a Negro owned a home on one of the principal streets of the city and that another member of our race who practices the profession of dentistry, received a considerable portion of his patronage from the members of the other race. The honorable gentleman of the Cumberland Telephone Company did not know whether or not these statements were true, but was inclined to doubt them. He was opposed to such reports because they gave the impression to the outer world that the Negroes of this city were progressing, along material lines, faster than the white people. And if they are true, then he is opposed to Fisk University or any other school which teaches Negroes to do such things. To his mind the only education suitable for those of our race is the kind that will make us better farmers.

Another man who spoke in the same strain was Mr. Joseph Frank, a member of a race which sacred and profane history shows has been persecuted even more than our race.

Mr. Hume confessed that he did not know whether Dr. Merrill's statements were true. There are a great many other things about his colored brothers who reside in this town probably that he does not know. If we could get his attention for a few minutes we would ask him if he has ever visited Fisk University or any of the other colleges conducted for the benefit of our race in this city except when escorting some stranger to the places of interest in the city and if he has ever investigated the record of those who have finished courses in these schools.

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By N. M. Steward.

In the case of Fisk University he would find, if he took the trouble to look it up, that while none of the graduates have made fabulous fortunes, not one out of 277 college graduates has been convicted of a crime. Such a record should make him feel grateful that such an institution is located in this city.

As to the dentist, it is merely a matter of business between himself and his patient. If he has white customers it is no more an indication of an attempt at social equality than it would be for a white person of the Cumberland Telephone Company to rent a telephone to a Negro or a salesman in Mr. Frank's store to sell a suit of clothes to one of our race. But why devote further space to this matter? We prefer to believe that Mr. Hume is not sincere in what he said, but rather that he was smarting under the feelings produced by the passage of the Talbot Bill, which allows another telephone Company in Nashville, and made the Negro the butt of his pent-up feelings. This we will say though, it is unfortunate that while such men as ex-Gov. Northen, of Georgia; Dr. Lambuth and others of this city, are working for an *entente cordiale*, as it were, between the two races in this city and elsewhere in the South, whereby the good of both races would work to put down the bad in each race, that prominent men like Messrs. Leland Hume and Joseph Frank should make such reactionary speeches as were accredited to them at the meeting of the Nashville Board of Trade last Thursday night.

UNSUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS.

Louisiana, since New Orleans has been made an immigration port, will try to replace its Negro labor with foreign whites. The experiments tried so far with foreigners have not proved the unqualified successes that this section has been led to expect, if current reports be true. The English girls imported for the mills in the Carolinas have gone North, alleging that they were lured to this country by false promises. From various sections Italians and other foreigners complain that they have received treatment similar to that accorded slaves. The housewives of San Antonio, Tex., who thought they had perfect jewels in their Japanese servants whom they hired recently to displace their Negro help, have been forced to return to their first love on account of the thievery, untidiness and general worthlessness of the new help. And so goes the list. Wherever foreign help has been introduced there seems to be dissatisfaction upon one side or the other. We are sorry that such is the case. It would help so much to have a few hundred thousand immigrants who believe in that racial purity which forbids white men from running after colored women.

THE BURNT CORK ARTIST ON TOUR.

It is the usual custom when a show has enjoyed a run in New York it is put on the road. Sometimes three or four companies producing the same play will be traveling through different sections of the country. The burnt cork artist of the United States Senate, the only and the original Benjamin Ryan Tillman, of South Carolina, following in the footsteps of other amusements, has organized himself into a lecture bureau to deliver lectures at \$200 per appearance.

Newspapers of worth in the South

have boasted that only the North would pay to witness the antics of Tillman, so to prove that they know not whereof they speak, he has arranged his tour so as to take in eleven of the Southern states. The show is billed to appear in the following states at the places named:

Maryland, Baltimore, Cumberland. Virginia, Roanoke, Danville, Portsmouth, Lynchburg, Winchester, Richmond.

North Carolina, Henderson, Oxford, Pinehurst, Wilmington.

West Virginia, Hinton, Huntington.

Alabama, Troy, Citronelle.

Louisiana, Clinton.

Tennessee, Pulaski, Chattanooga.

Mississippi, Holly Springs.

Georgia, Sandersville, Claxton, Graymount.

Kentucky, Williamsburg, Somerset. Florida, Jacksonville.

It is noticeable that the minstrel fails to appear at the larger cities in most of the states. In Alabama, for instance, Citronelle, by the census of 1900, had less than 2,500 inhabitants, and there are 16 other towns and cities larger than Troy, which had a population of 4,097, 2,140 of whom were Negroes. All the appointments in Georgia are at towns having less than 2,500 inhabitants. This is a very sorry showing for such a star attraction as the Pitchfork artist from South Carolina.

Tillman's excursion into the South ought to be a paying venture. The people of this section are particularly fond of minstrels. Some Southern white men, though, demand something higher than that offered by Tillman. One of these, Dr. John C. Kilgo, President of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who has been frequently mentioned for the bishopric of that denomination, in addressing an alumni dinner last Saturday, said in reference to Tillman and the Negro question:

"The South has grown tired of its old kind of leadership, and there is a longing for some one to come forward and voice its new sentiment. Never before was there felt throughout the South by worthy men in every line of work a deeper humiliation than that recently provoked by the rough and sectional utterances of Senator Tillman in the United States Senate. 'The white man of the South will continue to pay his taxes to educate the child of the Negro, while more and more he will give his influence and means toward advancing the welfare of the Negro race. But the Negro as a ghost to frighten the white voter into party lines and party acts is now a thing of the past.'"

Dr. Kilgo represents a class of whites that is the very antithesis of that represented by Tillman. Though he is more optimistic in his last sentence than the facts would warrant, he will do more to ameliorate the conditions in the South by instilling into the students of his school the sentiments voiced in that portion of his address which we have quoted than will the burnt cork artist in his vaudeville turn.

Fisk University was honored this week by a visit from a party of Northern friends, who came to the dedication of the New Chase Science Hall. These Northern "fanatics" or "cranks," as our bot-headed Southern editors and "best friends" often lovingly call them, frequently see a phase of the Southern Negro's life that the whites living here with us never observe. Fisk has done a grand work during the forty-one years of its existence and

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generations to come will rise and call blessed the devout persons who made the school possible.

One of the most pernicious influences that is dragging many of the young men of our race to lives of indolence, theft and crimes of a felonious nature is that of gambling. Many young men whose prospects for the future have been exceedingly bright have been ruined here in Nashville by succumbing to the temptation offered by the goddess of chance. We hope that the day is near when this species of evil, if not eradicated will be reduced to such a place where bright young men will not be led to crime.

E. H. Harriman once had a reputation for secretiveness in regards to speech but his volubility since the Interstate Commerce Commission got after him for manipulating the railroads of the West gives promise of surpassing the record of loquacious Bill the boy orator of the Platte.

Congress has adjourned after having appropriated almost two billion dollars. Teddy can now devote his time to making a few more changes in the personnel of the Panama Canal Commission.

If there is a Negro in Tennessee who is sorry that the state has lost such a brilliant representative in Congress as the Hon. Edward Ward Carmack was reputed to be, we haven't heard of him.

A town in Massachusetts has caught the prohibition fever and placed a ban upon profanity. The old "cussers" of the town now use such prosaic terms as "Darn it."

A few more weeks and the "Nashville brand" will be out in their Easter finery.

From dust thou art, to dust returnest, has a practical meaning to any one who walks through the streets of Nashville these days.

This was white folk's week. The murderer and his victim belong to that race.

Has the Nashville Business League lapsed into innocuous desuetude?

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